Plan to connect gas pipeline fron upper Assam

856. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to connect gas pipeline from upper Assam fields to have wider spread effects for generation of economic activities; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Oil India Limited (OIL) has an integrated pipeline network for collection of gas produced in the upper Assam field. The gas is mainly being supplied by the Assam Gas Company which is a carrier of OIL's gas. OIL is also supplying gas directly to a few consumers.

Petrol and Diesel Outlets in Orissa

857. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol and diesel retail outlets set up in Orissa during the last two years district-wise and proposed to be set up in 2000-2001; and

(b) the places for which surveys, etc. have been undertaken and places which have been included in the Marketing Plan for opening of such outlets in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) During the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (upto January, 2000) Oil Companies have commissioned 22 retail outlets in Orissa.

On the basis of feasibility survey 30 retail outlet dealerships have been included in the current retail outlet marketing plan (1996—98) for Orissa.